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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) A disposable absorbent garment, the disposable absorbent garment comprising:

an outer layer;

an elastic inner layer, wherein the elastic inner layer has an elastic inner layer perimeter;

wherein the elastic inner layer includes a front piece, a back piece and a crotch piece, wherein the crotch piece is attached to the front piece and the back piece and wherein the front piece is elastic in a lateral direction and the back piece are is elastic only in a ~~the~~ lateral direction of the disposable absorbent garment and the crotch piece is elastic only in a longitudinal direction of the disposable absorbent garment ~~and wherein back waist region and the crotch region are elastically stretchable in different directions;~~

wherein the crotch piece defines an opening located in an internal position to the elastic inner layer perimeter;

wherein the elastic inner layer perimeter is bonded to the outer layer; and

an absorbent assembly positioned between the outer layer and the elastic inner layer, wherein the absorbent assembly includes a topsheet layer, a core layer and a barrier layer.

32. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the outer layer has an outer layer perimeter and the elastic inner layer perimeter is bonded to the outer layer perimeter.

33. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the outer layer is extensible.

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34. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the outer layer is elastic.

35. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the outer layer is liquid impermeable.

36. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the outer layer is liquid permeable.

37. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the outer layer has one or more pleats.

38. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the elastic inner layer is liquid impermeable.

39. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the elastic inner layer includes two or more layers of materials.

40. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the opening has a length of from 10% to 80% of a total length of the disposable absorbent garment.

41. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the elastic inner layer is bonded to the outer layer with a plurality of ultrasonic, adhesive or thermal bonds.

42. (original) The disposable garment of claim 31, wherein the crotch piece is extensible in a lateral direction of the disposable garment.

43. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the outer layer has a length in the longitudinal direction, the elastic inner layer has a length in the longitudinal direction and the outer layer length is greater than the elastic inner layer length.

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44. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the outer layer has a width in the lateral direction, the elastic inner layer has a width in the lateral direction and the outer layer width is greater than the elastic inner layer width.

45. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the disposable absorbent garment has a longitudinal side edge that includes a perimeter bonded area where the elastic inner layer is bonded to the outer layer, wherein the perimeter bonded area has a percentage of bonded area to unbonded area of from 10 to 40.

46. (original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the absorbent assembly is attached to the outer layer along a lateral centerline of the absorbent assembly.

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